

Bill 17

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**Testimony
Regarding:**

CR-173

Bill 17, CD1

Relating to fees for use of municipal golf courses.
(Increasing golf fees to offset the cost of the municipal golf course operations.)

This is in support of FD1 that proposes "elimination" of Golf program subsidy with City General Funds.

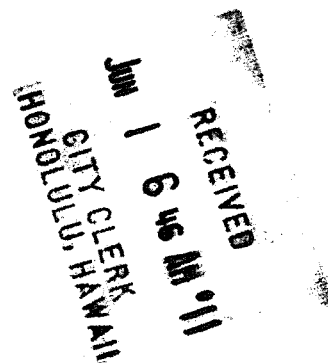
Council members

I believe you should eliminate any Golf program subsidy with City General Funds for the following reasons:

1. First of all it should be illegal for any government organization to compete with private sector businesses, there are numerous commercial golf courses on this island and I believe they give kamaaina rates for local golfers.
2. Any business or non-profit (*and I believe the government is not for profit*) that does not at least break even will go bankrupt real fast.
3. This subsidy targets a special interest group, golfers only. We are told we cannot get our crosswalks painted in Makaha because of the budget short fall, it took 3 months to smooth out trip hazards on the walkway to Makaha Elementary School.
4. How about outsourcing the City owned golf courses to private entities to be self sufficient, I guarantee their overhead for operation and maintenance will be substantially less.
5. Take that 9 million dollars and upgrade City owned community parks around the island. They are used by more of our citizens than the golf courses.

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You have a football field used by our Children **at Pilila'au Community Park** 85-166 Plantation Road, Waianae that is so unlevel that it becomes more of a trip hazard to the players than the opposing team. Water ponds on it because there is no drainage and therefore grass won't even grow in places. It's shameful when you think of the beautiful greens on a golf course for just a few.

Makaha Valley Community Park 84-730 Manuku Street, Makaha, the park is pitiful in size compared to the size of the community and the acres of manicured fairways of a golf course.

I believe in paying taxes but I think you get can see my disappointment in how my tax monies are used.

Blessings
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